

REMARKS

Please reconsider the application in view of the above amendments and the following remarks. Applicant thanks the Examiner for carefully considering this application.

Disposition of Claims

Claims 1-6, 8, 9, 11, and 13 are pending in this application. Claims 1, 4, 5, and 13 are independent. The remaining claims depend, directly or indirectly, from claims 1, 4, or 5.

Drawings

Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner accept the drawings submitted on November 8, 2001. Applicant submits that these drawings are formal.

Double Patenting Rejection


Claims 1-6, 8, 9, 11, and 13 are rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-6 of U.S. Patent No. 6,588,742. A terminal disclaimer in compliance with 37 CFR 1.321(c) has been submitted herewith, as suggested by the Examiner. Thus, this rejection is now moot with respect to claims 1-6, 8, 9, 11, and 13. Accordingly, withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested.

Conclusion

Applicant believes this reply is fully responsive to all outstanding issues and places this application in condition for allowance. If this belief is incorrect, or other issues arise, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned or his associates at the telephone number listed below. Please apply any charges not covered, or any credits, to Deposit Account 50-0591 (Reference Number 04995/039001).

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